



September 19, 2022



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SANFORD

First Word

“To live by faith, to be known by love, and to be a voice of hope.”

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR...

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family,

Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, **humility**, meekness, and patience. (Colossians 3:12)

As the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, we often join with our community in recognizing many groups of people and individuals who contribute their gifts, talents, and resources – themselves – towards making the world a better place. We celebrate Mothers’, Fathers’, and Grandparents’ Days, Teacher Appreciation Week, Office Administrator Day, Nurses Recognition and First Responder Recognition Days, etc. There are days/weeks set aside to recognize volunteers who serve in multiple non-profit organizations of our community and each one of us even has his/her own recognition day on our Birthday! Recognition even extends to the animal population when we observe “Adopt a Pet” events that provide wonderful opportunities for us to provide a home for a dog, cat, or some other creature.

One purpose of our letter this week is to humbly celebrate these and other friends of our community who serve with compassion, kindness, meekness, and patience. A second purpose is to recognize and celebrate the many, many “others” who also give faithfully and unselfishly and do not ask for or receive a recognition day. Therefore, we hereby declare that Wednesday, September 21, will be celebrated as National Other Day. On that day, I invite you to stop and say, “thank-you,” to all of the other people who help provide support for our stores (cashiers, stock persons, bag clerks), the people who repair the streets that need attention, the mechanic that helps your car to keep going, the people who serve our children their meals at school, the folks who collect our garbage and recyclables, the engineer who greets our CDC children daily, the men and women who keep our offices and homes clean and in good order, the many, many people who work on assembly lines, the farmers who till the soil, etc. etc.

With thanksgiving, we rejoice that God continues to create good in our world and we recommit ourselves to serving in whatever way(s) God calls us to go, loving and caring with compassion and joy.

Shalom and Agape, Brad



9/19: Ruth Cashion,
Mary Proctor
9/24: Stuart Thompson

Congratulations to Tim and Karen Mersinger and sister Mia on the birth of their son and brother, Adam Mersinger who was born on 7/2/22. He weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 21 inches long.



This week and next week's walking track volunteers:

9/19-Julie Lemon, 9/20-Jim Lee, 9/21-Don Wazenegger, 9/22-Jim Lee, 9/23- Joyce Kelly

Thank you everyone for all the calls, cards, thoughts, and prayers. It means a lot to me.

Nancy Kimble



This Weeks Calendar

Monday 9/19:

9AM-12PM: Walking Track
5:30 PM: Contemporary Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM: Traditional Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday 9/20:

9AM-12PM: Walking Track
10AM: Bible Study
6PM: Yoga in the Harper Center

Wednesday 9/21: *Submissions due for next newsletter and next bulletin*

9AM-12PM: Walking Track
10AM: CDC Devotion
12PM: Staff Meeting
7PM: Prayer Group

Thursday 9/22:

9AM-12PM: Walking Track
9:30 AM: Musical Devotion with David via Facebook

Friday 9/23:

9AM-12PM: Walking Track

Sunday 9/25:

9AM: Contemporary Service
10AM: Sunday School
11AM: Traditional Service

OUR PRAYER LIST

UNC REX Rehabilitation Nursing Care Center of Raleigh: Emily Kelly

Parkview: Irma Autrey, Paul Kelly, Rexine Lloyd

Universal Health Care/Lillington: Betty Lou Bristow

Home or with family: Sonny Talbot; Jean Perry; Cathy Johnson; Don Suddarth; Bruce and Linda Benton; Karen Miller; Ann Barkley; Carri Hollingsworth; Nancy Kimble

Our Friends & Family: Tiffany Scott Heron (Donna McClune's niece); Michael McClune (Donna McClune's son); James Cox; Billy Boaz; Jamey Allen (Harold James' sister); Phyllis Moore; Carolyn Herring (Bunny Paderick's niece); Greg Horrell (Bunny Paderick's brother-in-law); Richard Angel (Pat Angel's husband); Kristy Cotton Frye; Marci Hudzik; Dennis Parnell (friend of David Vann); Emily Heeseman (Samantha Morgan's friend and college roommate); Heather Wicker; Carla Bailey; Joanna Dempsey; Ian Bristow (Betty Lou Bristow's great grandson); Michelle Hendley Leonhardt (Daughter of Mike and Peggy Hendley); David Dudley

Offering Counters Schedule - September 2022

Week 1 (9/4) Rhonda and David Miller, Week 2 (9/11) John Garris and Daryl Perry, Week 3 (9/18) Samantha Jeffries and Don Wazenegger, Week 4(9/25) Joan Bland and Julie Lemon

The Lay Readers for September are Tammy Ledford for the 9am service and Joanne Hamilton for the 11:00 am service.



Come to Kiwanis Park in Sanford to celebrate worship with our neighboring Presbyterian Churches for **Church in the Park on Sunday, October 2nd**. Music starts at 10am and the service at 10:30am. There will be a delicious catered meal after the service. **If you wish to stay for the lunch, please** Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to commune with God, nature, and your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Remember to bring a lawn chair! Call or email the church office, 919-775-5216 and fpcsecretary11@gmail.com, or pick up a registration form from McIver Hall or the Colonnade.

I am looking for volunteers to help when we host the Presbytery on October 8th. We'll need help with parking, registration, greeting, guiding, cleaning up after, etc. Please call or email me in the church office if you'd like to sign-up! Thanks, *Michele*



Because of the recent break-in at First Baptist and the recent theft of our mail/mailbox, we are asking for volunteers willing to be on our Security Team. Responsibilities include making sure all of the doors are locked after each service and meeting held in the church. If you're interested in helping out, please contact the church office.

The Women's Circles are meeting again! We are so fortunate to have time together to learn more about our God and fellowship with church family. If you are interested in joining a Circle, please contact Bunny Paderick or Michele Bullard.



Comfort and Warmth

Would you be interested in joining our Blanket Ministry? On Friday, October 14th, from 11 am - 12 pm, we will be offering a class in the colonnade to teach some basic crochet edging stitches and to provide information about this wonderful ministry.

If you plan to attend, please call Michele at the church office (919-775-5216) or email her at fpcsecretary11@gmail.com. Please bring a skein of yarn and a crochet hook if you can, but some will be available. Masks are requested.



We have a new mail slot!!! After the theft of our mail/mailbox, we have tried to come up with the best solution to ensure this doesn't happen again. The option we chose was a mail slot. It is located at the front doors facing Hawkins Avenue where it is visible to our

Karen Miller has moved. Her new address is 12409 Cambridge Village Loop, Apex, NC 27502.

With all the changes in church leadership (Elders, Deacons, Committees, Circles), I would very much appreciate an email updating members of each committee, as well as the chair and co-chair of each committee.

Thank you,

Michele

Church Calendar for September, and October 2022

Sunday, September 18th—Youth Group starts back with Dinner at Robert and Samantha Jeffries' House

Monday, September 26th – Deadline for Church in the Park lunch orders

Throughout the month of October we will be holding our Youth Envelope Fundraiser. Separate details to follow...

Sunday, October 2nd - Church in the Park, Music 10am-Worship 10:30am

Saturday, October 8th 9 am-1 pm – Coastal Carolina Presbytery Meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Sanford

Friday, October 21st thru Sunday, October 23rd – Church Family Retreat in Caswell

Sunday, October 23rd - One service 10 am in the sanctuary - Rev. Matt Garrett

Friday, October 28th 6:30-8 pm – Pumpkins and Pizza

Saturday, October 29th 6:30-8pm – Pumpkin Trail

Sunday, October 30th - One outdoor service at 10 am behind the Harper Center

Monday, October 31st—Deadline for envelopes to be turned in for Youth Envelope Fundraiser!!!